

Gillette Castle State Park, East Haddam, CT

Built between 1914-1919 by actor William Gillette, famous for his role as detective Sherlock Holmes, the "castle" is a whimsical building with a tower and a view of the Connecticut River. On the grounds of the property were a scale railroad, a man-made tunnel seen here around 1928 (although the footbridge over the tracks no longer exists) and a ferry landing. Today, visitors can view the historic home, hike the old railroad path, or picnic on the expansive grounds.